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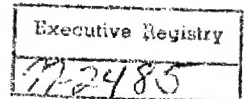
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September 29, 1977

Admiral Stansfield Turner
Director of Central Intelligence
CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE AGENCY
Washington, D. C. 20505

Dear Admiral Turner:

It has come to my attention in talking to intelligence agencies within our government of the tremendously burdensome responsibility placed upon them by the Congressional enactment of legislation known as the Freedom of Information Act (5 U.S.C. Sec. 552).

Recognizing it is the responsibility of the Congress to enact legislation, we also have the duty to review what we have done and, if necessary, amend, modify, repeal, or do whatever is in order to remove inequities.

In this connection, and recognizing that neither you nor your agency initiated this inquiry, I would like to have the benefit of your experience in recommending changes in this law that would remove some of the unnecessary burdens which cause the use of untold numbers of personnel, as well as create an administrative morass.

For your information, I am enclosing the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress document entitled "The Freedom of Information Act as Amended (5 U.S.C. Sec. 552) Background, Judicial Construction, and Selected Bibliography", which might be helpful to your research people in putting together some helpful suggestions and recommendations as it relates to your agency.

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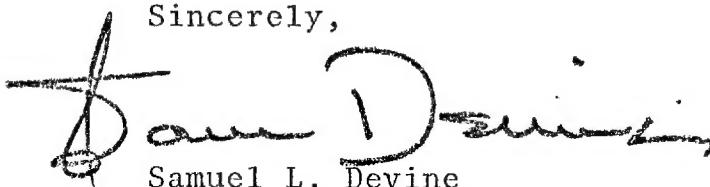
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As a former Special Agent in the Federal Bureau of Investigation, I feel I recognize the problems, as well as the dangers, inherent under this law, and I think it is important to the overall public interest to make the necessary changes.

Your cooperation would be appreciated.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read "Sam Devine". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "S" and "D".

Samuel L. Devine
Representative to U. S. Congress

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